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ACTION COMICS 1000

Action #1000: Action and Re-Action

Action Comics is rapidly approaching a milestone: It's about to become the first US superhero comic to reach the thousand-issue mark. To commemorate the event, DC is offering not one, but *two* special *Action #1000* publications—one a deluxe eighty-page prestige-format comic, the other a celebratory 384-page hardcover!

The hardcover, appropriately entitled *Action Comics #1000: Eighty Years of Superman HC* features a look at eight decades of the Man of Steel and his extended family and friends. This issue will feature not only Superman's debut from *Action Comics #1*, but also the first appearances of Supergirl, Brainiac, the Fortress of Solitude, and more. The issue will also include essays about the importance of Superman to comics and popular culture by a variety of writers, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning author and cartoonist *Jules Feiffer* (whose *Great Comic Book Heroes* first introduced many of us to the glorious world of Golden Age comics), a historical piece by *Paul Levitz*, and, most intriguing of all, a previously unpublished 1940s Superman tale believed to be written by *Jerry Siegel* with art by the *Joe Shuster* studio, salvaged fifty years ago and hidden away until now.

A week later, history is re-made when *Action Comics #1000* premieres. The *Jim Lee* cover is sure to attract attention, since it features something that fans have been requesting since Superman's big costume change: The red trunks are returning!

"*Action Comics #1000* represents a watershed moment in the history of not just comic books, but entertainment, literature, and pop culture," acclaimed artist and DC Co-publisher *Jim Lee* said. "There's no better way to celebrate Superman's enduring popularity than to give him a look that combines some new accents with the most iconic feature of his classic design."

That's not the only noteworthy aspect of this eighty-page issue: The book will also feature the first story by *Brian Michael Bendis* since the announcement of his exclusive contract with DC (Bendis actually wrote one DC story that predates his lengthy Marvel tenure—a short tale that appeared in *Batman Chronicles #21*). Bendis will contribute a ten-page tale that will feature art by *Jim Lee*. Current *Superman* creators *Peter J. Tomasi* & *Patrick Gleason* will contribute a fifteen-page story, while current *Action* maestro *Dan Jurgens* will both write and draw a fifteen-page tale for this landmark issue.

"The one-thousandth issue of *Action Comics* is an incredible milestone in pop culture and a testament to the vision of *Jerry Siegel* and *Joe Shuster*," DC Co-publisher *Dan DiDio* said. "Without this book, along with Siegel and Shuster's fertile imaginations and boundless creativity, the superhero's place in literature may have been wildly different, if not altogether nonexistent."



The book will also include a story certain to captivate Silver Age fans: a tale by *Marv Wolfman* featuring previously unpublished art by Silver Age art icon *Curt Swan*, whose version of the Man of Steel is viewed by many as the definitive take on the archetypal superhero. In addition, the comic will include a collection of memorable bonus stories from some of the most celebrated names in comics and entertainment.

Contributors to this once-in-a-lifetime issue include legendary *Superman* movie director *Richard Donner* and *New York Times* best-selling writer *Geoff Johns*, with art by *Olivier Coipel*. Other contributing creative teams will include *Paul Dini* with *José Luis García-López*, *Tom King* with *Clay Mann* & *Jordie Bellaire*, *Brad Meltzer* with *John Cassaday* & *Laura Martin*, *Louise Simonson* with *Jerry Ordway*, *Scott Snyder* with *Tim Sale*, and more to be announced.

In addition, this issue will commemorate eight decades of Superman with eight decades-spanning variant covers by some of the most talented artists in comics today, including:

- * *Steve Rude* (1930s)
- * *Michael Cho* (1940s)
- * *Dave Gibbons* (1950s)
- * *Michael Allred* (1960s)
- * *Jim Steranko* (1970s)
- * *Joshua Middleton* (1980s)
- * *Dan Jurgens* (1990s)
- * *Lee Bermejo* (2000s)

DC will also offer a blank variant cover edition for those who want to create (or commission) their own special cover for this landmark issue.

(Originally, DC had intended to include a special poster featuring all one thousand *Action Comics* covers. The challenges of packaging the hardcover and the poster together proved more demanding—and expensive—than DC anticipated, so current plans call for the poster to be offered separately at a later date.)

Action Comics #1000: Eighty Years of Superman, a 384-page hardcover priced at \$29.99, is scheduled for April 11th release. *Action Comics #1000*, an eighty-page, prestige-format, no-ads comic priced at \$7.99, will follow one week later on April 18th. The celebration will spread across the DC superhero line as well, with April's superhero titles featuring Superman-themed variant covers. And DC promises that there's still more to come! After all, April is the first month of Superman's eightieth year of existence!

by **Cliff Biggers**



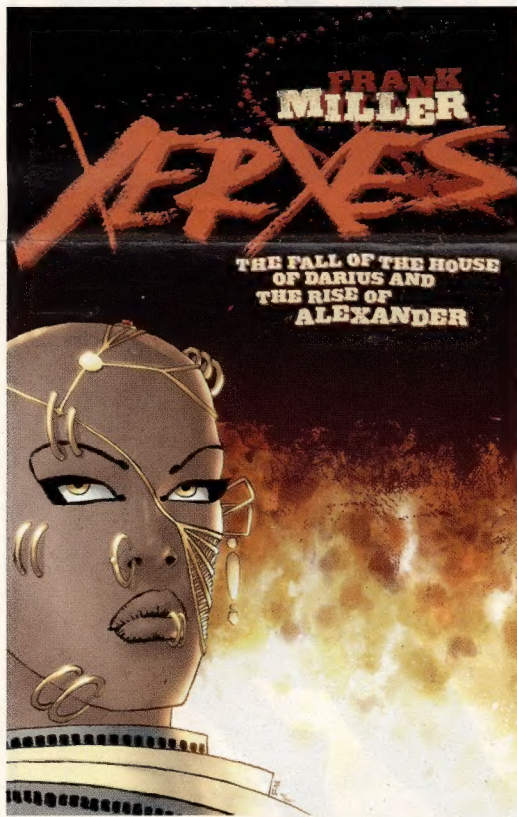
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X(erxes) Marks the Spot

The long-rumored Frank Miller sequel to his acclaimed historical drama *300* (which was finally confirmed last year in an *Entertainment Weekly* story) finally has a title—and a firm premiere date.

Xerxes: The Fall of the House of Darius and the Rise of Alexander, scheduled for release in April, will focus on *300*'s antagonist, the Persian king Xerxes. According to Dark Horse's description of the book, "*Xerxes: The Fall of the House of Darius and the Rise of Alexander* follows Persian King Xerxes as he sets out to conquer the world to avenge his father Darius's defeat and create an empire unlike anything the world has ever seen... until the hardy Greeks produce a god king of their own, Alexander the Great. This five-issue series boasts issues with thirty-plus pages of story and features wrap-around covers in a deluxe collector format."

"*300* was an interlude in the great story of the Persian Wars," Frank Miller said. "The battle of 300 represented one episode in a much greater series of wars. This series tells the story of the first great clash of civilizations, the first bloody contest between East and West. The odds vastly favor the Persian forces, but the Greeks have Alexander, the greatest military commander of all time."



Xerxes: The Fall of the House of Darius and the Rise of Alexander #1 is scheduled for April 4th release.

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Marvel Taps John Nee as Publisher

Marvel has announced that John Nee has been selected to replace Dan Buckley as publisher, while Buckley continues with Marvel as president of Marvel Entertainment. Nee will oversee Marvel's print and digital programs, working with both the creative content side of Marvel and the business and marketing side.

Buckley told *comicbook.com* that "our comics and prose businesses have many opportunities in front of them, and each of those opportunities requires a certain amount of expertise. We feel John can provide us with that expertise for each of these opportunities." Buckley said of the move, "John has a comprehensive background that makes him uniquely qualified for this role. He has a depth and breadth of experience in gaming, consumer products, prose publishing, collectibles, and most importantly comics."

Nee has decades of comics experience. He was a president at WildStorm in the 1990s; when Jim Lee sold WildStorm to DC, Nee became a vice president at DC, where he worked with both WildStorm and DC's CMX manga line. Nee went on to become senior vice president of business development at DC; a few years later, he left and became CEO at the game publisher Cryptozoid (manufacturer of, among other things, the DC Comics Deck-Building Game).

"As publisher, John will lead our business strategy for publishing as a whole and focus on growing the comics and prose business," Buckley explained. "All business aspects of publishing report up to John. Creative and editorial planning will still have oversight from CB Cebulski, Joe Quesada, and myself."

Look for more information regarding Nee's new role at Marvel in upcoming months.

Coming Comics—DC in April

Celebrate a thousand issues of Action Comics with *Action Comics* #1000's all-star lineup of top talent (including Brian Bendis, John Cassaday, Olivier Coipel, Paul Dini, Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez, Patrick Gleason, Butch Guice, Geoff Johns, Dan Jurgens, Tom King, Jim Lee, Clay Mann, Brad Meltzer, Jerry Ordway, Tim Sale, Louise Simonson, Scott Snyder, Curt Swan, Peter J. Tomasi, and Marv Wolfman) as they pay tribute to the comic that started it all! From today's explosive action to a previously unpublished tale illustrated by the legendary Curt Swan to the Man of Tomorrow's future—this very special, oversized issue presents the best of the best in Superman stories! (See this issue's page-one story for more information about *Action Comics* #1000 and its companion hardcover.)

Poison Ivy attacks a group of fieldworkers in *Damage* #4 (by Rob Venditti & Cary Nord), forcing Ethan to choose between transforming into Damage and saving them—or protecting his own sanity!

Life is moving pretty fast for Derek James... and unfortunately, things are about to get even faster in *Sideways* #3 (by Dan DiDio, Justin Jordan, & Kenneth Rocafort) as he is forced to fight a super-speedster hell-bent on destruction—all while wearing no pants! Can *Sideways* move through space and time quickly enough to stop a new villain born out of the recent Speed Force Storm: Killspeed?

The Silencer has been targeted by every hit man, meta-mobster, and weapons-depot dropout that the Leviathan organization has to offer—now it's time for Honor Guest to take the fight back to them in *Silencer* #4 (by Dan Abnett & Viktor Bogdanovic)! Too bad Deathstroke has other plans...

When will this superhero team bound by dark multiver-

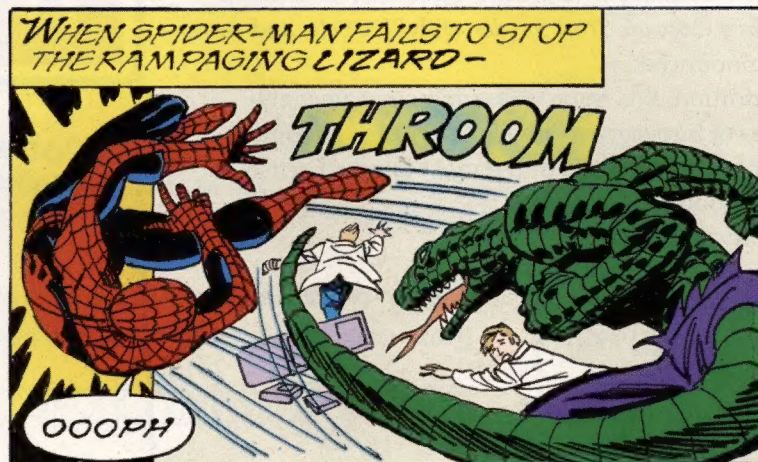
sal magic ever get any privacy? It certainly won't be in *The Terrifics* #3 (by Jeff Lemire, Ivan Reis, & Joe Prado), because while Mr Terrific feverishly works to free himself from Metamorpho, Plastic Man, and Phantom Girl—but mostly Plastic Man—the team must also contend with the towering, rolling death-inferno that is the War Wheel.

For an assignment in Ms June Moone's art class, the girls are working on their very own comic books. The character-created comics pages give us a glimpse into each girl's personality in *DC Super Hero Girls: Out of the Bottle* (by Shea Fontana, Marcelo DiChiara, and others). But Harley isn't satisfied with her comics creation and thinks a little of Ms Moone's special paint will really help her drawings come to life! The problem? Harley's drawings literally come to life!



After King Rath discovers that Arthur is still alive, he sends Aquaman's former ally Murk to finish the job in *Aquaman* #35 (by Dan Abnett & Riccardo Federici)—or else be executed as a traitor! Meanwhile, Rath's new power has a terrifying cost... one that will change Atlantis forever! Plus, the events of *Dark Nights: Metal* begin to take effect on the sunken city...

SPIDER-MAN



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After a brutal clash between Mera and Ocean Master almost costs Mera her life, Tula suggests that the three of them work together to save Atlantis in *Mera, Queen of Atlantis* #3 (by Dan Abnett & Lan Medina).

After a routine mission to save the day, Batgirl realizes she's been spending a little too much time in costume. Her life as Barbara Gordon is in a rut, and it's time to focus on changing things for the better in *Batgirl* #22 (by Hope Larson, Minkyu Jung, & Jose Marzan Jr.). Can the sudden reemergence of her former love interest, Kai, be a sign of good things to come?

Follow Batman and Catwoman on two separate but parallel paths as their wedding planning kicks into high gear in *Batman* #44 (by Tom King, Mikel Janin, & Joelle Jones). Selina picks out her dress, and Bruce starts to make arrangements for their new life together—but this being Gotham City, and they being Batman and Catwoman, you can bet that *nothing* will go as expected!

Booster Gold comes to Gotham City in *Batman* #45 (by Tom King, Tony S. Daniel, & Sandu Florea), and he's enlisting Batman and Catwoman to go on a time-traveling mission to rescue... Booster Gold! It seems a younger Booster Gold has gone back in time to kidnap an even *younger* version of himself, and to rescue his own past, Booster must pursue both of his previous incarnations through Batman's history to find out what is going on.

It's the final battle as the Bat-family and the Turtles face off against Bane and the Foot Clan on Liberty Island in *Batman/Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2* #6 (by James Tynion IV & Freddie E. Williams II). With America's great symbol of freedom watching over them, the Dark Knight and the Heroes on a Half-Shell must bring Bane's tyrannical rule over New York to an end. And don't forget about Shredder. What role will that deadly villain have to play in all of this?

Witness Jack versus the Joker in *Sean Murphy's Batman: White Knight* #7. Napier's identity crisis spins out of control and compromises his grand plans for Gotham City—but not before he strikes a fateful bargain with Neo Joker. A browbeaten Batman accepts a peace offering from Batgirl, and some unexpected advice from Alfred sets the tone for the GTO's new mission to redeem the city.



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Vengeance and madness come home to Gotham City in *Batwoman* #14 (by Marguerite Bennett & Fernando Blanco). The Many Arms of Death have descended upon the city, bringing a plague that will devour everything Batwoman holds dear—and Alice, Kate's long-lost sister, leads the way!

Black Lightning: Cold Dead Hands #6 (by Tony Isabella & Clayton Henry) presents the climactic battle between Black Lightning and Tobias Whale for the future of Cleveland and the nation!



Batman arrives in Tir Na Nóg to help Wonder Woman solve the mystery of a murdered god in *Liam Sharp's The Brave and the Bold: Batman and Wonder Woman* #3. But while he may be the World's Greatest Detective, he soon learns that the techniques he uses on our world may not aid him in this strange new one.

Ra's al Ghul's near-demonic influence is revealed in *Neal Adams' Deadman* #6. Boston Brand's death was no accident, but a planned and ruthless murder...orchestrated by none other than the Head of the Demon. What Deadman needs now is either death or the help of the World's Greatest Detective!

Belial's plan has almost taken full effect, with the Hell dome rapidly expanding and consuming all of the Earth! With Etrigan, Jason Blood, and the rest of the team down, one will have to make the ultimate sacrifice in *The Demon: Hell Is Earth* #6 (by Andrew Constant, Brad Walker, & Andrew Hennessy) to give humanity a chance to destroy Belial!

Deathstroke #30 (by Christopher Priest & Carlo Pagulayan) kicks off a six-issue series-

within-a-series featuring the ultimate showdown between DC's fiercest rivals! When Batman discovers a mysterious package containing DNA test results proving that he is not Damian Wayne's biological father, the Dark Knight sets his sights on his son's true father—Deathstroke! But Damian Wayne can't really be Slade Wilson's son—can he? And who sent the package—and why?

Ulysses Armstrong knows everything there is to know about Tim Drake's future—including every inevitable step he'll take on the road to becoming a dark version of himself! Unfortunately, Ulysses is perfectly happy to take everything from him—and use it to give birth to an unstoppable menace! Learn all about his plan in *Detective Comics* #979 (by James Tynion IV & Alvaro Martinez).

Grodd rains lightning down on Central City to burn it to the ground in *The Flash* #45 (by Joshua Williamson & Christian Duce). The Flash is as fast as a bolt of lightning, but is he as fast as a thousand?

Following a hellish year in Seattle, Oliver Queen heads to the war-torn city of Vahkar in *Green Arrow* #39 (by Collin Kelly, Jackson Lanzing, & Marcio Takara) to use his considerable resources to help its starving citizens. But Oliver soon finds himself in over his head when he discovers that Vahkar is being run by a mysterious new warlord known as Nothing... and all the town's children have gone missing.

Jessica Cruz's ring has a mind of its own, and it's lashing out at her in *Green Lanterns* #44 (by Tim Seeley & Ronan Cliquet). Jess needs to find a way to defend herself against a ring that is making constructs against her will!

Hal Jordan is the paragon of a Green Lantern: courageous and unrelenting. But even heroes can sometimes doubt the methods they're known to use. And in those moments, something dark creeps in, and it can create an evil the universe isn't ready to face! See what happens next in *Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps* #42 (by Robert Venditti, Rafa Sandoval, & Jordi Tarragona).

Harley's grudgingly accepted the Gang of Harleys back into her life—and in *Harley Quinn* #42 (by Frank Tieri & Mauricet), they intend to impress her with all the new tricks they've learned in her absence!

Struggling to save one of their own and to extricate themselves from the grip of war, the Justice League finds its hand forced by the mercenary Deathstroke in *Justice*

League #43 (by Christopher Priest & Pete Woods). Decisions must be made about Red Lion's brutality, the insidious tactics of the Fan, and the League's role as the World's Greatest Heroes.

Chronos wins in *Justice League of America* #29 (by Steve Orlando & Hugo Petrus). Superheroes are nonexistent in the new timeline he's manipulated into existence. The League will have to find each other, reform, and fix the time stream—or all of time will be at Chronos's command.

Scott heads back to Apokolips in *Mister Miracle* #8 (by Tom King & Mitch Gerads), where he is engaged in a bloody battle against Darkseid's forces, this time without Barda by his side—because her hands are full, thanks to a domestic situation at home.

When Damian Wayne disappears during a solo mission to Tokyo, Nightwing must enter the seedy underworld to save the boy who was once his Robin in *Nightwing* #42 (by Collin Kelly, Jackson Lanzing, & Jorge Corona). But in order to do so, Dick will have to ascend the Crimson Kabuki's tower of crime and survive a game of death against three of Japan's most powerful fighters.

The Squad faces down the Wall in *Suicide Squad* #40 (by Rob Williams, Eduardo Pansica, & Julio Ferreira) as their fate hangs in the balance. If the Squad doesn't stop the Wall, the US gov-



ernment will be demolished!

The challenge of the Bizarroverse continues as the Super Foes battle the Legion of Fun in *Superman #45* (by Patrick Gleason & Peter J. Tomasi). As Superman and Son return to Hamilton for a quick recharge, they learn what the little town truly meant to them—and what they meant to the locals of the town.

Supergirl must fight both Makkari and the out-of-dimension Viking Judge to save Director Bones from the fury of the Viking's magical ax in *Supergirl #20* (by Steve Orlando, Jody Houser, & Robson Rocha). Meanwhile, with Director Bones out of the picture, Cameron Chase and Lar-On must break into the DEO to save Veritas before the clock counts down to zero and the psycho-redactor erases her memories forever!

Robin and Superboy have been to hell and back again, but in *Super Sons #15* (by Peter J. Tomasi, Carlo Barberi, & Art Thibert), their friendship must stand the ultimate test: the Amazo Project! Kid Amazo returns as the pieces of this deadly plan fall into place and reveal a secret that might tear apart Damian and Jon's growing friendship.

Beast Boy goes rogue in *Teen Titans #19* (by Benjamin Percy, Scot Eaton, & Wayne Faucher), turned by the nefarious Puppeteer into an unstoppable killing machine, along with hundreds of innocent teenagers!

In *Trinity #22* (by James Robinson & Patrick Zircher)—the final issue of the series—the Trinity and Warlord have discovered Deimos's plan to use the Skartaran Time Weapon to reduce his enemies to dust—but time itself is not on our heroes' side! It's up to Superman, Wonder Woman, and Batman to save Steve Trevor, defeat Deimos, and seal the breach with Skartaris before the entire world is consumed by magic powerful enough to melt millennia!



Arsenal and Donna discover the truth about the Bliss conspiracy in *Titans Annual #2* (by Dan Abnett & Tom Grummett)... only they're too late! With the Justice League off the board and the Titans divided, who will stand against the evil Brain as he attempts to create his new world order—and kill everyone on Earth in the process?

In *Wonder Woman #45* (by James Robinson & Emanuel Lupacchino), Jason is handed a gift from the gods that could turn the tide... but how will he use it? And is this gift actually what he believes it to be?

Finding a seemingly safe planet (at least in terms of atmospheric makeup), Team Carson take a brief detour in their space odyssey, in *Cave Carson Has an Interstellar Eye #2* (by Jon Rivera & Michael Avon Oeming), only to find themselves recruited into a never-ending battle.



To rescue the person most important to her, Mother Panic must break into one of the most secure buildings in Collective-controlled Gotham City—Arkham Asylum. Will Catwoman, Gotham's greatest thief, be willing to help her in her mission? Find out in *Mother Panic: Gotham AD #2* (by Jody Houser & Ibrahim Moustafa).

Shade has a new body that's all her own in *Shade, the Changing Woman #2* (by Cecil Castellucci & Marley Zarcone), but does that mean she also requires a new life, one of her making, as well?

John Lynch, once the director of IO, the secret deep-state agency that runs Earth, is on the road in *The Wild Storm #13* (by Warren Ellis & Jon Davis Hunt). His darkest project, Thunderbook, has been uncovered, and he needs to warn the principals, now scattered across America. Hiding. Because they were his most successful experiments. And none of them is completely human any more.

Supergirl may be as invulnerable as her cousin, but even bulletproof skin can't help her when she's haunted by the ghosts of Krypton! Is it a hoax? A message from the Phantom Zone? It's up to Scooby and the gang to find out in *Scooby-Doo Team-Up #37* (by Sholly Fisch & Dario Brizuela)—assuming that Scooby and Streaky the Super-Cat can set aside their cat-and-dog rivalry!

DC collected editions (advance solicited for

May and June release) include:

- *Absolute Kingdom Come HC*, an oversized slipcased edition of the acclaimed series by Mark Waid & Alex Ross.
- *Batman and the Signal TP*, collecting the three-issue miniseries along with the backup stories from *All-Star Batman #s 1-4 & 6-9*.
- *Batman by Grant Morrison Omnibus Volume 2 HC*, collecting *Batman #s 655-658 & 663-683* and more.
- *Batman: Detective Comics—Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book 2 HC*, collecting *Detective #s 950-962*.
- *Batman: Ghosts TP*, collecting *Batman Confidential #s 40-43* and more.
- *Batman '66 Omnibus HC*, collecting *Batman '66 #s 1-30, The Lost Episode*, and more.
- *Batman in the Brave and the Bold: The Bronze Age Omnibus Volume 2 HC*, collecting *Brave and Bold #s 110-156*.
- *Batwoman Volume 2: Wonderland TP*, collecting *Batwoman #s 7-12*.
- *Cyborg Volume 3: Singularity TP*, collecting *Cyborg #s 14-20*.
- *Dastardly and Muttley TP*, collecting the six-issue miniseries.
- *Deathstroke, the Terminator Volume 4: Crash or Burn TP*, collecting *Deathstroke #s 21-25 & Annual #2*.
- *Doom Patrol Volume 2: Nada TP*, collecting *Doom Patrol #s 7-11*.
- *Future Quest Presents Volume 1 TP*, collecting *Future Quest #s 1-3 & 5-7*.
- *Green Arrow Volume 5: Hard-Traveling Hero TP*, collecting *Green Arrow #s 26-31*.
- *Green Lantern: Kyle Rayner Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Green Lantern #s 58-65, New Titans #s 124-125*, and more.



- *Harley Quinn Volume 5: Vote Harley TP*, collecting *Harley Quinn #s 28-34*.
- *Injustice Ground Zero Volume 2 TP*, collecting *Injustice: Ground Zero #s 7-12*.
- *JLA Year One TP*, collecting *JLA: Year One #s 1-12* with sketches and other bonus material.
- *Legionnaires Book Two TP*, collecting *Legion of Super-Heroes #s 69-73, Legionnaires #s 25-30*, and more.



- *The New Teen Titans Omnibus Volume 3 HC*, collecting *Tales of the Teen Titans #s 42-68* and much more.
- *Nightwing: Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book 2 HC*, collecting *Nightwing #s 16-28*.
- *Nightwing: The New Order TP*, collecting the six-issue series.
- *Scooby-Doo Team-Up Volume 5 TP*, collecting *Scooby-Doo Team-Up #s 25-30*.
- *Seven Soldiers by Grant Morrison Omnibus HC*, collecting *Seven Soldiers #s 0-1, Shining Knight #s 1-4, Guardian #s 1-4, Zatanna #s 1-4, Klarion #s 1-4, Mister Miracle #s 1-4, Bulleteer #s 1-4, and Frankenstein #s 1-4*.
- *Suicide Squad: Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book 2 HC*, collecting *Suicide Squad #s 9-20* and more.
- *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes Volume 2 HC*, collecting *Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes #s 241-258* and more.
- *Supergirl: Being Super TP*, collecting the four-issue miniseries.
- *Superman Reborn TP*, collecting *Action #s 973-976* and *Superman #s 18-19*.
- *Superman: Rebirth Deluxe Edition Book 2 HC*, collecting *Superman #s 14-26 & Annual #1*.



- **Superman by Mark Millar TP**, collecting *Superman: Team Superman #1*; *Tangent Comics: The Superman #1*; *Superman Adventures #s 19, 25-27, 30, 31, 36, & 52*; and more.
- **Superman: The Golden Age Volume 4 TP**, collecting *Superman tales from Action #s 41-47, Superman #s 12-15, and World's Finest #s 3-5*.
- **Supergirl Volume 3: The Midnight Hour TP**, collecting *Supergirl #s 13-18*.
- **Titans: Royal Chaos TP**, collecting *New Titans #s 90-92; Deathstroke, the Terminator #s 14-16; and Team Titans #s 1-3*.
- **The Wild Storm Volume 2 TP**, collecting *The Wild Storm #s 7-12*.
- **Wonder Woman Volume 5: Heart of the Amazon TP**, collecting *Wonder Woman #s 26-30 & Annual 1* and more.
- **Zero Hour: Crisis in Time HC**, collecting *Zero Hour #s 1-4* and more.

Coming Comics—Vertigo/DC in April

Michael Tenicek lost his world years ago. Now he may lose another, as ordinary life among the extraordinary takes a shattering turn in *Astro City #52* (by Kurt Busiek & Brent Anderson), the series finale.

Coming in August from DC Direct

- **The New Teen Titans: Starfire Statue**, sculpted by Joe Menna and inspired by the art of George Pérez.
- **The New Teen Titans: Robin Statue**, sculpted by Joe Menna and inspired by the art of George Pérez.
- **Batman: The Animated Series—Harley Quinn Expressions Pack**, a nineteen-piece set that includes a six-inch-tall action figure of Harley Quinn from the award-winning *Batman: The Animated Series*; eight different expressions that range from playfully mischievous to seriously deranged, as well as an unmasked version; her two hyenas; and multiple pieces of weaponry, roller skates, and a fish-head costume that makes a completely different Harley.
- **DC Cover Girls: Batgirl by Joelle Jones Statue**, sculpted by Jack Mathews.
- **DC Designer Series Batman by Brian Bolland Mini Statue**, sculpted by David Giraud.
- **DC Core: The Joker PVC Statue**, sculpted by David Pereira, the first in a new line of 9" premium PVC statues.

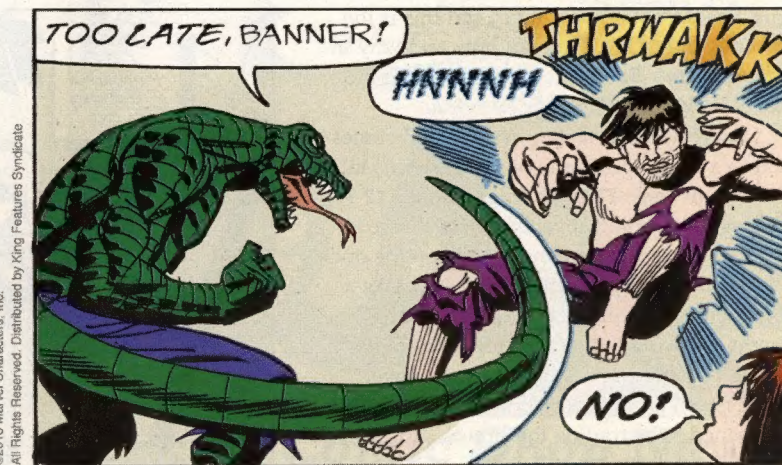
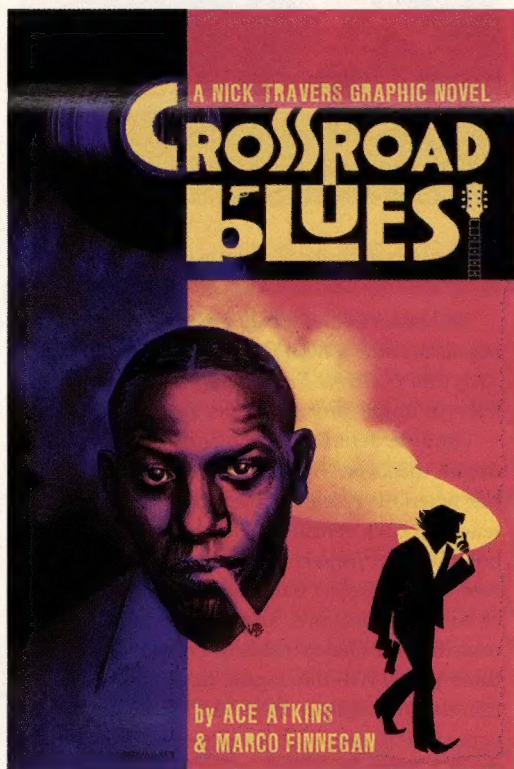


Coming Comics—Image in April

It's five years from now, and the security of the internet has been totally destroyed. Secrets are no longer sent over the web; they're entrusted to armed couriers called "Ledger Men," like human punching-bag Jack McGinnis. He's got a gun in one hand and a briefcase handcuffed to the other. Danger lurks around every corner, and Jack has to watch his back—because he had a part in the cyberattack that changed the world. Follow Jack in *Analog #1* (by Gerry Duggan, David O'Sullivan, & Jordie Bellaire) as he confronts spies, mercs, fascists, and a very grumpy artificial intelligence.

Abigail is an aspiring hitwoman out to prove her value to the family. She braves the wilds of Newark, overpriced parking, traffic jams, and bad hair days to track down Trevor, her former mentor, who is on the lam with a big briefcase full of mob dough. *Clover Honey Special Edition TP* is a beautifully revised, redrawn, and expanded edition of the graphic tale by Rich Tommaso.

After a New Orleans college professor goes missing while searching for the rumored lost recordings of bluesman Robert Johnson—who, as legend has it, sold his soul to the devil at a Mississippi crossroads—Nick Travers is sent to find him in *Crossroad Blues: A Nick Travers Graphic Novel* (by Ace Atkins & Marco Finnegan). The search won't be easy, though, since clues point to everyone from an eccentric albino named Cracker to a hitman who believes he is the second coming of Elvis Presley.



Killers once feared Piotr Petrovich. Now, they've sent his son home to him—in a body bag. Haunted by his failures, Piotr journeys across Russia in *Crude #1* (by Steve Orlando, Garry Brown, & Lee Loughridge) to learn what type of man his son really was, while hunting the bastards who killed him. And once Piotr finds them, they will learn to fear him once more...

Stryker must reconcile with what he's become—and what's been done to his daughter Carin—in *Cyber Force #3* (by Matt Hawkins, Bryan Hill, & Atilio Rojo). There's little time for either of them, as the villain that threatens the world seeks to draft someone else to her cause: Killjoy.

Carter Carlson was a highly decorated operative during the Cold War. But in the fall of 1991, as the Soviet Union was collapsing, Carter discovered a secret that not only changed his life, but also altered the course of history. Now, as the mysterious "Dead Hand" threatens to end the world once again in *The Dead Hand #1* (by Kyle Higgins, Stephen Mooney, & Jordie Bellaire), the only thing standing in its way is the relationship between an old spy and a little boy.

As robots rise up all over the universe, overthrowing their human and alien persecutors, Telsa is faced with the ultimate decision in *Descender #29* (by Jeff Lemire & Dustin Nguyen): save Tim-21 or hand him over to her father and the United Galactic Council, which would end the war and uprising, but would also be the end of Tim-21.

Randy and Amalia have struck the first blow against the supernatural cartel, Los Queridos. As the couple arm themselves for war in *Gasolina #7* (by Sean Mackiewicz, Niko Walter, & Mat Lopes), they must also deal with becoming parents of a child with a very unique condition: He has a flesh-eating monster living in his chest.

The captain of the Royal Guard has fled the capital city with the Queen of Maar, suffering under the effects of an evil spell. Captain Rook's only hope of returning Queen Olwyn to her throne and saving the kingdom from impending war lies on an island half a world away—a place known in myth as Isola, land of the dead—and that's exactly where he's heading in *Isola #1* (by Brenden Fletcher, Karl Kerschl, & Msassyk), a breathtaking fantasy adventure two decades in the making.

Four years ago, Jonah Carlyle was spared execution by his sister, Forever. Find out what happens next in *Lazarus #27* (by Greg Rucka & Michael Lark) as the critically acclaimed series returns to set the stage for the events of X+67 and beyond—and the coming Fracture.

Fresh off their latest hijinks, Julie and the gang try to unwind at a fraternity party hosted by a group of fairy bros. But like everything

else in Blitheton, things are not as they first appear, and before you can say, "Hey, don't drink that, or you'll be trapped in the fairy circle for all eternity," another round of magical hijinks begins in *Moonstruck #6* (by Grace Ellis & Shae Beagle).

Michelle Perez & Remy Boyde present a surprisingly honest and touching account of a trans girl surviving through sex work in Seattle in *The Pervert*, an original graphic novel.

One day, gravity on earth suddenly became a fraction of what it is now. Twenty years later, humanity has adapted to its new low-gravity reality. And to Willa Fowler, a woman born just after G-day, it's... well, it's pretty awesome, actually. You can fly through the air! I mean, sure, you can also die if you jump too high. So you just don't jump too high. And maybe don't stumble into a dangerous plan to bring gravity back that could get you killed... See what happens next in *Skyward #1* (by Joe Henderson, Lee Garbett, & Antonio Fabela).



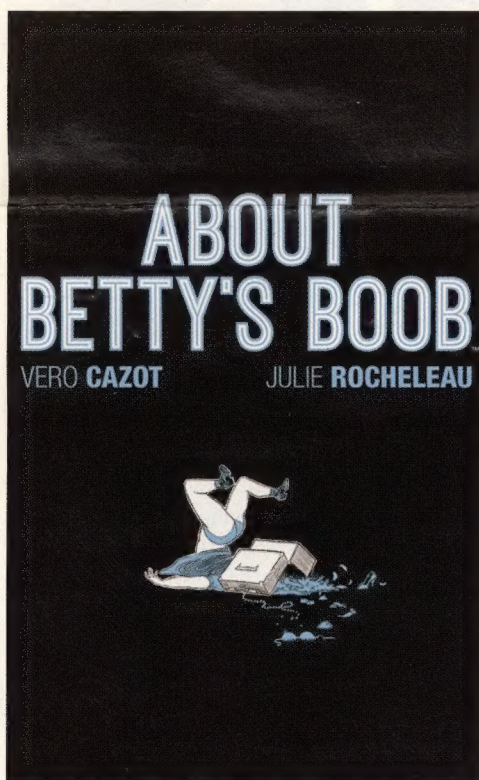
Swing Volume 1, an original graphic novel by Matt Hawkins, Jenni Cheung, & Linda Sejic, spins out of the universe that Stjepan & Linda Sejic introduced in their *Sunstone* series. *Swing* presents a slice-of-life romantic story about a couple trying to regain the sexual energy from the beginning of their relationship by swinging with other couples in an emotional journey of two people fighting to stay in love.

Image presents eight more *Image Firsts* (\$1 editions of the first issues of popular Image series), including *Afar*, *Age of Bronze #1*, *Curse Words #1*, *Fear Agent #1*, *Kick-Ass #1*, *Moonshine #1*, *Redneck #1*, and *Street Angel #1*. In addition, it is bringing four more *Image*

First back in new editions: *The Fade Out #1*, *Fatale #1*, *Mage #1*, and *Spawn #1*.

Image collected editions include:

- **3 Floyds: Alpha King TP**, collecting *3 Floyds: Alpha King* #s 1–5.
- **Dark Fang Volume 1: Earth Calling TP**, collecting *Dark Fang* #s 1–5.
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- **The Gravediggers Union Volume 1 TP**, collecting *The Gravediggers Union* #s 1–5.
- **Hack/Slash Resurrection Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Hack/Slash Resurrection* #s 1–6.
- **Head Lopper Volume 2: Head Lopper and the Crimson Tower TP**, collecting *Head Lopper* #s 5–8.
- **Lazarus Sourcebook Collection Volume 1 TP**, collecting the first three *Lazarus Sourcebooks*.
- **Paper Girls Volume 4 TP**, collecting *Paper Girls* #s 16–20.
- **Paradiso Volume 1: Essential Singularity TP**, collecting *Paradiso* #s 1–4.
- **Rock Candy Mountain Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Rock Candy Mountain* #s 5–8.
- **Royal City Volume 2: Sonic Youth TP**, collecting *Royal City* #s 6–10.
- **Savage Dragon: Merging of Multiple Earths TP**, collecting *Savage Dragon* #s 223–227.
- **Underwinter Volume 2: A Field of Feathers TP**, collecting *Underwinter: A Field of Feathers* #s 1–5.



Coming Comics— Boom! in April

Betty lost her left breast, her job, and her guy. She does not know it yet, but this is the best day of her life. Find out how and why in *About Betty's Boob HC*, an original graphic novel by Vero Cazot & Julie Rocheleau.

Marceline starts feeling restless and comes across a motorcycle gang of storm clouds in *Adventure Time: Thunder Road Volume 12 TP*, an original graphic novel by Jeremy Sorese & Zachary Sterling. Marceline sets off on the open road with her new friends, but things take a turn when she realizes that the storm clouds might be taking things a bit too far when it comes to their pranks. Luckily, the answer comes from an unexpected source who just happened to be trailing the clouds... for research, of course.

Since its original release in 1982, *Jim Henson's* groundbreaking fantasy film *The Dark Crystal* has captured the minds and imaginations of authors, artists, filmmakers, and fans across the world with its ambitious worldbuilding and stunning visuals. Now, return to the world of *The Dark Crystal* in *Jim Henson's The Dark Crystal Artist's Tribute HC*, and see the vivid locations, lifelike creatures, and beloved heroes as realized by a collection of uniquely original artistic voices in celebration of one of *Jim Henson's* most enduring creations. This book features art from Jae Lee, David Petersen, Mark Buckingham, Cory Godbey, Jeff Stokely, Benjamin Dewey, Sana Takeda, Brian Froud, and more.

Mighty Morphin Power Rangers 2018 Annual #1 features fan-favorite teams from across the Power Rangers universe, including Dino Charge, RPM, Time Force, Ninja Steel, and Dino Thunder. The entire fabric of reality is under threat as Drakkon invades!

When the power goes out at the Pickles household, the babies and adults come together to share their own personal favorite Reptar stories in *Rugrats: R Is for Reptar 2018 Special #1* (by Nicole Andelfinger, Esdras Cristobal, and others).

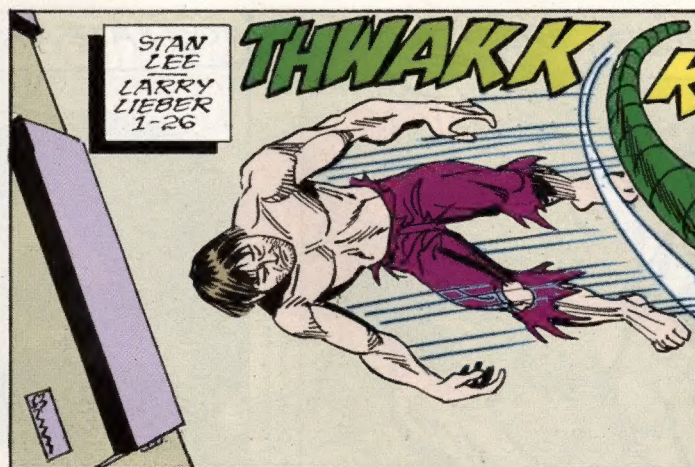
In *Robocop: Citizen's Arrest #1*, Brian Wood & Jorge Coelho present a provocative vision of a future where justice is crowdsourced... and lethal. It's been decades since the RoboCop program first began. Corporations have taken over the schools and the government—and law enforcement is the biggest private contract of all. Traditional police forces no longer exist as all citizens are encouraged—and rewarded—to spy on their neighbors. There is only one authority on the streets: Robocop!

Wild's End Volume 3: Journey's End HC (by Dan Abnett & INJ Culbard) presents the conclusion to the celebrated, anthropomorphic, sci-fi comic series in an original graphic novel. Despite the military's best efforts, the alien invaders have taken a firm grip on the world. Cities have been invaded and the countryside overrun, leaving little hope for humanity's resistance. With few options left, the survivors will need to look to the very people they once feared to make a last-ditch effort to turn the tide of the war.

WWE Wrestlemania 2018 Special #1 includes a closer look at one of the greatest matches of all time: "Macho Man" Randy Savage vs Ricky "The Dragon" Steamboat at WrestleMania III.

Boom! collected editions include:

- **The Complete The Killer TP**, the definitive collection of the Eisner Award-nominated crime saga.
- **Giant Days: Extra Credit Volume 1 TP**, collecting shorts and bonus material from the Eisner Award-nominated series *Giant Days*.



• **Grass Kings Volume 2 HC**, collecting *Grass Kings* #s 7–11.

• **Lumberjanes: To the Max Edition Volume 4 TP**, collecting *Lumberjanes Volumes 7 & 8* in a deluxe hardcover.

• **Mighty Morphin Power Rangers Archive Volume 1 TP**, collecting the original *Power Rangers* comics from Marvel, Image, Paper-cutz, and Hamilton Comics—all in one volume for the first time ever.

• **Over the Garden Wall Volume 4 TP**, collecting *Over the Garden Wall* #s 13–16.

• **Planet of the Apes Adult Coloring Book**, featuring more than forty black-and-white illustrations by Gabriel Hardman, Herb Trimpe, Carlos Magno, and others.

• **Sisters of Sorrow TP**, collecting the miniseries by Kurt Sutter, Cortney Alameda, & Hyeonjin Kim.



Coming Comics— Dynamite in April

The new Green Hornet embarks on her journey to become a hero in *Green Hornet #2* (by Amy Chu & Germa Erramouspe)—and she faces a threat unlike any she's ever faced before.

Grad student Devin Toulson is writing his dream thesis on Myths in American History—but when his research takes him on a journey reaching back centuries, Devin finds something horrifying in *Jeepers Creepers #1* (by Marc Andreyko & Kewber Baal). Something that crosses cultures, locations, and eras. Something that returns for a bloody feeding every twenty-three years. Will this young man's investigation uncover simply an urban legend or will he come face to face with an immortal monster that has terrorized humanity from the shadows

since man first walked the country?

When Dejah Thoris and Tars Tarkas investigate a mysterious gap in the memory of John Carter, Warlord of Barsoom, they find themselves hurled into the interdimensional demiplane of the Worldscape in *Pathfinder: Worldscape—Dejah Thoris* (by Erik Mona & Roberto Castro).

The blood of a thousand Therns drowns Shareen's arena. Empress Camilla's corpse lies among an army of White Martian dead. To Herbert West, Reanimator, the arena is a vast laboratory of fresh specimens. Conquering the secret of life and death means unlocking the science of Camilla's fountain of youth, but HP Lovecraft's most cantankerous scientist must work fast, before Shareen's next would-be empress comes calling, in *Pathfinder: Worldscape—Reanimator* (by Erik Mona & Matt Gaudio).

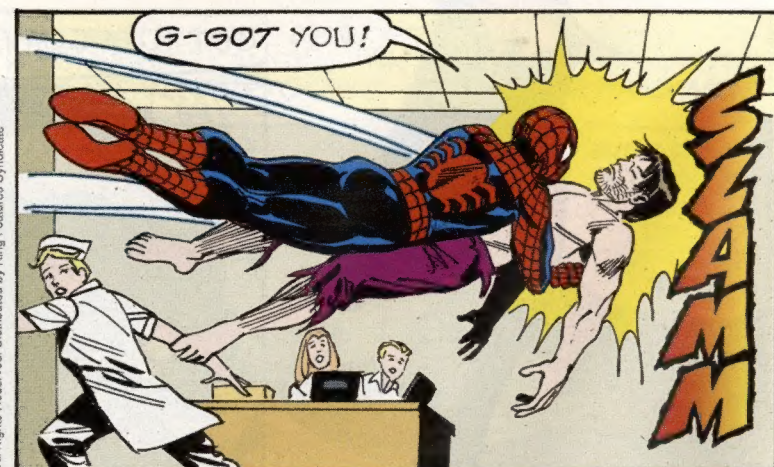
From her castle gallery at the edge of Everywhere, the immortal witch known as the Traveller gazes across the multiverse. With Dejah Thoris and Vampirella already drawn into the dimensional prison of the Worldscape, two of her Swords of Sorrow generals are missing. Can the mighty Red Sonja be far behind? Find out in *Pathfinder: Worldscape—Swords of Sorrow* (by Erik Mona & Diego Galindo).

Vampirella and her old companion, the third-rate magician Pendragon, revive their stage show for a reunion tour that propels them all the way to a fragment of Vampirella's home planet of Drakulon, ensnared in the multidimensional Worldscape! There, Vampirella must confront the shades of her past while Pendragon pits his false magic against the very real spells of the Pathfinders Seoni and Selyiel in *Pathfinder: Worldscape—Vampirella* (by Erik Mona, Chris Campana, & Kendal Gates).

The last we saw of the crew of the Starshadow in the pages of Bill Mantlo & Butch Guice's *Swords of the Swashbucklers*, it seemed that all was lost. Decades later, Raader and her crew return to bring their adventuring to the cosmos once again in *Swashbucklers: The Saga Continues #1* (by Marc Guggenheim & Andrea Mutti). Witness the return of the legendary space pirates as the saga continues!

Dynamite collected editions include:

- **Army of Darkness Omnibus Volume 1 TP**, collecting the first eighteen issues of *Army of Darkness*.
- **Army of Darkness Omnibus Volume 2 TP**, collecting *Army of Darkness Volume 1* #s 8–13 and *Army of Darkness Volume 2* #s 1–12.
- **The Boys Volume 1: The Name of the Game TP**, collecting *The Boys* #s 1–6.
- **Centipede Volume 1: Game Over TP**, collecting the five-issue miniseries.
- **Dresden Files Omnibus Volume 1 TP**, collecting the adaptations of *Storm Front* and *Fool*



Moon, plus over one hundred pages of additional story content set within the official continuity of *Jim Butcher's* magic-noir universe.

• **James Bond: Kill Chain HC**, collecting the six-issue limited series.

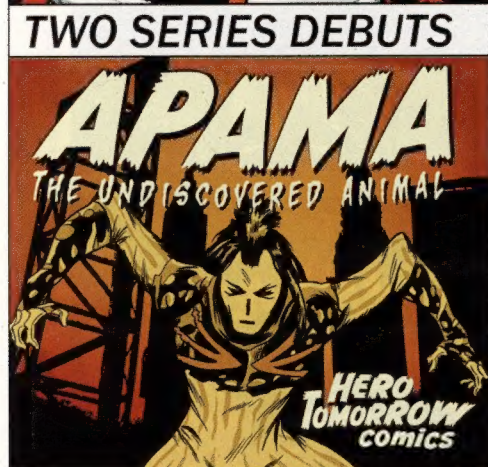
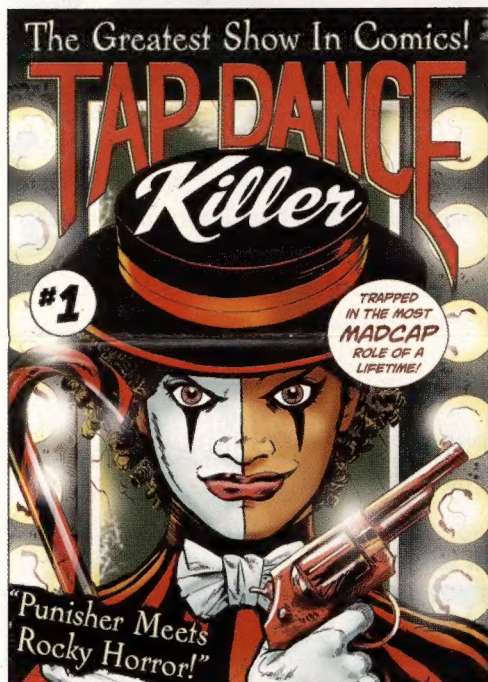
• **The Shadow/Batman HC**, collecting the six-issue crossover series.

Coming Comics— AfterShock in April

In *Animosity* #14 (by Marguerite Bennett & Rafael De Latorre), Jesse is kidnapped by a traitor she trusted and loved. Sandor follows the bloody trail to the dreaded Walled City, where the remains of human civilization reign in terrible power—and attempt to rebuild the world for humans only.

Conspiracies tighten around Adam and his companions as a bloody interspecies gang war explodes in the City by the Sea in *Animosity: Evolution* #6 (by Marguerite Bennett & Eric Gapstur).

Anna has found the way to rescue Sylvia from the Outsider, but the denizens of the Backways are determined to stop her in *Backways* #5 (by Justin Jordan & Eleonora Carlini). And if Anna succeeds, she may put the Backways and the world in grave danger.



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Tamara and Kieron find themselves in the battlefields of Priam with their targets aimed at each other in *Betrothed* #2 (by Sean Lewis & Steve Uly). As their friends Fat Andy and Annaleigh become aware of the secrets their friends are hiding, new dangers are brought to life in the war between the Priam Tribes and the Nuam futurists.

The legend of Vlad the Impaler is the stuff of nightmares. The inspiration for the most iconic of monsters—Dracula—Vlad tortured and murdered thousands of victims. But what turned him into such a depraved killer? The truth lies in his teenage years, when Vlad and his brother Radu were held hostage by the Ottoman Empire. During this time, the brothers learned many things—archery, riding, the art of combat, matters of court... and how to stalk and slay vampires. Cullen Bunn & Mirko Colak explore that period of Vlad's life in *The Brothers Dracul* #1.

Unable to cope with the burden of grief, a middle-aged mom descends the nine circles of Hell to retrieve her forsaken family in *Her Infernal Descent* #1 (by Lonnie Nadler, Zac Thompson, & Kyle Charles). Guided by the ghosts of William Blake and Agatha Christie, this no-nonsense mother journeys deep into a bizarre underworld filled with celebrity sinners, surreal landscapes, and absurd tasks in a tale inspired by *Dante's Inferno*.

In *Rough Riders: Ride or Die* #3 (by Adam Glass & Patrick Olliffe), Harry Houdini walks on through to the other side and discovers that the Rough Riders are up against the legendary Dutch "Bokkenrijders," who have returned to this earthly plane to settle a score with one of

his teammates! But Harry's truest challenge may be a visitor from his past who can spell his end... unless he listens to his newest teammate, *HP Lovecraft!*

AfterShock collected editions include:

- **Animosity Volume 1 HC**, collecting *Animosity* #s 1–8 and *World of Animosity* #1.
- **Animosity: The Rise HC**, collecting the three-issue miniseries.
- **Dark Ark Volume 1 TP**, collecting *Dark Ark* #s 1–5.



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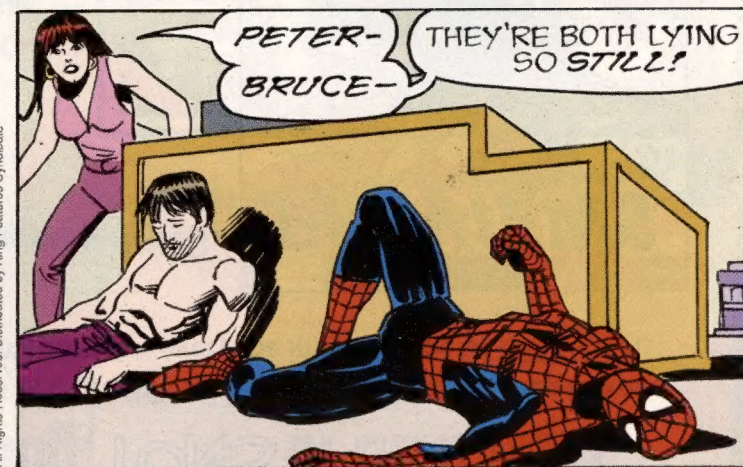
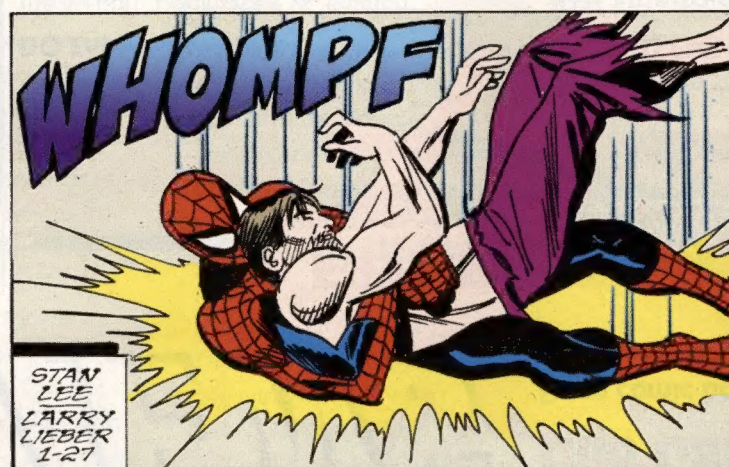
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